

Detroit Promise Zone Authority
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 4:00PM
2 Woodward Avenue, 11th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:10PM.

II. Roll Call

Members Present – [6]

Members Absent – [2]

Floyd Allen

Solomon Kinloch

Tonya Allen

Iris Taylor

Penelope Bailer

Charlie Beckham

Hector Hernandez

Wanda Redmond

Let the record show that [6] Board members were present. A quorum was present.

III. Approval of Agenda

A discussion ensued to approve the agenda for the meeting. Motion moved by F. Allen and supported by C. Beckham. On a voice vote, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the January 11, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

[6] ayes, 0 nays

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A discussion ensued to approve the meeting minutes of the November Board of Directors meeting. Motion moved by F. Allen and supported by C. Beckham. On a voice vote, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes from the November 9, 2016 Board of Directors meeting.

[6] ayes, 0 nays

V. Chair Report

P. Bailer provided a report on the upcoming MCAN Conference on March 13th and 14th. Board members are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be a MPZA mini conference within MCAN Conference. The MPZA conference will address the following topics: Fundraising; Program Administering; Data Collecting/Data Sharing. A registration link will be sent to Board for those who wish to attend the MPZA portion of the MCAN Conference.

P. Bailer also led a discussion on implementing a marketing plan. This plan would incorporate additional early childhood programs and service providers to assist with recruitment and promotion of DPZ.

Agenda Items

- A. Appointment of Board Secretary – A discussion ensued regarding the need to submit documents to the State of Michigan, Department of Treasury and therefore, would be an appropriate time to designate a Board Secretary. P. Bailer asked if anyone present would be interested in serving as Board Secretary and Charlie Beckham volunteered for the role. Motion made by T. Allen and supported by F. Allen. On a voice vote, Charlie Beckham was appointed to Board Chair.
- B. Greg Handel, Detroit Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on the community college program. The Detroit Promise Path expands on a pilot program that was kicked off last year at Wayne County Community College, which gives over 300 Detroit Promise scholarship students the opportunity to work with a campus coach who can advise them on registration, financial aid, buying books and other important topics. The program offers monthly incentives, such as a gas or grocery card. The expectation is this program will increase enrollment and retention, and if it proves so, will be provided to all enrolling Detroit Promise freshman in Fall of 2017. Mr. Handel also discussed activity of the Chamber's four-year program and increasing interest from colleges and universities to participate.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by C. Beckham and supported by W. Redmond. Taylor. On a voice vote the Board unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.

[6] ayes, 0 nays

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanet Kulcsar